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Mr. Polk in N. Orleans.—The New Orleans papers contain glowing accounts of the welcome tendered to the ex-President by the people and authorities of the Crescent City. The civil and military procession on the occasion of his reception on the 21st, is described as one of the most imposing spectacles which that city has ever witnessed. Throughout the distinguished visitor was greeted with un-derstanding demonstrations of respect, the truly republican character of which enhanced the honor. The shipping in port was decked with colors, and the national flag waved from the public buildings throughout the day. In brief, the warmest friends of the ex-President could not have wished for him a more cordial reception.

The dinner given by the Municipal Council of the city, was in every way worthy of the illustrious patriot whom it was intended to honor. The third regular toast being—

Our Guest.—Having filled the highest office in the gift of freemen, he carries to his retirement the united and cordial good wishes of his countrymen for his health and happiness.

The sentiment was received with cheer upon cheer, and when the tumult had subsided, the ex-President rose to reply. He said:

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen.—It is impossible for me to fully express the gratitude I feel for the honor conferred upon me by the sentiment given, and the cordial manner in which it has been received by the company. I, sir, am no longer entrusted with the insignia or seals of office, and no longer possess the power of bestowing political patronage, but return to my home with only the proud title of a citizen of the United States.

In my return to that quiet home, which I long so much to enjoy, the distinguished reception that I have met with, without distinction of party, is the greatest honor of my whole life, and one which will live brightly in my memory to the end of my days.

As to the manner in which I have discharged my public duties during the time I have had the honor to hold the exalted office conferred upon me by the people, my countrymen will decide, and no longer possess the duties have involved the most weighty responsibilities.

In returning thanks to the citizens of New Orleans for the high honors they have conferred upon me, it is not my purpose to recapitulate the great events which have transpired during my administration. All will confess that great events, both foreign and domestic, have occurred, seriously affecting the national character; but the policy which I have deemed it my duty to pursue in connection with those events has now become a matter of history. How far I have met the general expectation will not pretend to say, but leave it to the people of the United States to judge.

In return, Mr. Mayor and gentlemen, for the flattering manner in which you have received me, I give you the hearty thanks of an humble citizen returning to his home, and beg leave to give you a sentiment:

The City of New Orleans.—The great commercial emporium of the South, and the most distinguished for her commercial eminence than for her courtesy and hospitality.

The festivities of the evening were terminated by the arrival of the hour for Mr. Polk's departure. The ex-President and family were accompanied to the Boat by a concourse of citizens who thronged to the wharf to testify their high respect and appreciation of the distinguished public services of their illustrious guest.

GEN. TAYLOR AND CALIFORNIA.—We submit below the remarks of the National Intelligence in regard to Gen. Taylor's course upon the California Bill. This article has been much commented upon as affording a clue to General Taylor's opinions in this matter. We should certainly be much pleased to find from General Taylor, or under his sanction, an explicit repudiation of the Free Soldiers, but we confess we can find nothing of the sort so far—certainly not in this article:

It was very natural that the President and his friends should, in connection with all the friends of the country, have desired that some law should pass Congress to enable the Executive to govern California; and to prevent those scenes of riot and bloodshed which have disgraced the new territories in their present state of unbridled anarchy, to subject the people, especially the colored people, to the restraints of law and order, and to redeem our solemn treaty obligation with Mexico to maintain a government for the protection of the country we had obtained from her. The President and his friends were doubtless earnestly desirous that Congress should fully enable him to see the laws faithfully executed in California and New Mexico. We can take upon ourselves to say, that it is true that either he or they express any preference for Mr. Walker's amendment over Mr. Webster's, or any other proposition equally effective with either to attain the desired end. His object was the establishment of government in that territory, and either provision would have satisfied him which appeared most acceptable to Congress. It was unfounded and malicious to represent him as having sought to throw his weight either for or against the free-soil party.

Should the free-soil party or any portion of it, hereafter be elected in any way, and a deliberate purpose to prevent the formation of any civil government in California or New Mexico so as to keep up agitation between the North and the South for sectional party objects, the President may find it to be his solemn duty to throw indignantly on that, as not merely the first dawning, but the "perfect day" of an attempt to alternate one portion of the Union from another.

Of course, General Taylor wishes the avowed settled; but we don't half like the avowed that either provision "would have satisfied him which appeared most acceptable to Congress." But we do not wish to prejudice the matter, as we repeat that we hope for the best.

The Protocol.—The Washington Union of the 31st ult. says: "We feel no difficulty in stating what we have little doubt is the truth, that the Secretary of State (Mr. Clayton) has since addressed a note to Senator Ross, who has in turn brought up this Protocol, that the administration attached no sort of importance to it, and that they considered the treaty binding upon the two republics. Thus, the administration is acting with a firmness, spirit, and consideration, which were due to the occasion. And thus ends the chapter."

OUR VOLUNTEERS IN YUCATAN.

From the New Orleans Delta.

We publish a letter of our famous correspondent, Captain Tobin, which, though of remote date, refers to events in which the friends of the Yucatan, volunteers take a deep interest, and is in other respects worthy of credit.

My Dear Delta: Many happy returns of the season! Since shaking hands with you at New Orleans, we have all had plenty of hard marching and hard fighting, sometimes with short commons, and at others with plenty—our march commenced on the day we arrived at Sisal, the seaport for Merida, (the capital of the State), distant thirty-five miles. The road is excellent, and through many beautiful situated villages and ranchos, now nearly destroyed by the Indians. Merida is a very handsome city, and contains 25,000 inhabitants; it is said to have had a population of 60,000 some years ago. We remained there four days, mustering in the companies and commissioning the officers. My commission was that of First Lieutenant. During our stay, a feast day occurred, and we had a good opportunity of seeing the Yucateca belles. They drove during the evening, in their volantes, round and round the Corso, their promenade, and made a graceful display until after dark. Many of them are as fair as the whitest Northern ladies, and all elegantly and tastefully dressed. As to the Peones, or serfs, the men are low-sized and athletic, and the women, short, dumpy and very square built, and look, at a first sight, near view, like a feather-bed, or a whale's tongue. Our route from Merida was through a large number of fine sugar plantations, to Tzucacab, one hundred and fifty miles, which we made at the rate of fifteen or eighteen miles per night, resting during the heat of the day, wherever water could be procured, and that was no easy matter. I have not seen a stream yet, and wells are from six to twelve miles apart, and the water is very brackish, so the men carry buckets and ropes, which we now do, they are of little if any service to us. At one small village, a curious animal, called a Padre, got very drunk amongst the boys, and made a foolish display of a valuable silver chalice, richly chased with gold. In the morning the Padre awoke, missed his chalice, and complained accordingly to the Captain of the theft. The Padre was a filthy little disrepute to his profession, and looked like a man who wanted his bitters badly; and Col. White was obliged to turn him off, after an ineffectual attempt to discover the thief. The Padre then put out his bile on me in Spanish, and I was forced to retreat to the Padre's calabash, before he started off. This excited Capt. M's anger, and he swore, "no matter how big a blackguard the Padre was, his own ought to protect him." He then accused me of having stolen the chalice myself. I returned the compliment, and told him I'd publish his name in the Journal, for the Padre's sake; what would Father Mullen or my wife say, if they heard of it? They'd think it was true." Some one composed a dogrel on it in this wise:

"But here, M. is thought a saint,
And here, M. is thought a saint,
But here, with a whip, and a flogging,
He stole a drunken Padre's chalice."

The Padre was wanted by every one, and the poor Captain was obliged to turn him off, and was completely exonerated from the charge on Christmas day, when we got into our first action with the Indians, and the first man killed was the veritable thief.

We reached Tzucacab, one hundred and eighty-eight miles from Sisal, on the 23d December, and the 24th, we started on the 25th in search of the enemy; and, I may say, they were not hard to find. I had thought, at first, that this was mere irritation of savage Indians; but, I now discovered, that it is in reality a sort of servile war, and the poor Captain was obliged to turn him off, and was completely exonerated from the charge on Christmas day, when we got into our first action with the Indians, and the first man killed was the veritable thief.

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SCRAPS FROM MY NOTE BOOK.

From the Charleston Evening News.

NO. III.

BY LAURIE TODD.

When contemplating a voyage across the Atlantic, the thoughts of three months idleness was a terror to my mind. My books were in the hold, shut up. However I soon found employment enough. The Captain selected every seventh man as head of a mess, who was to receive from the mate, on Monday morning, the biscuit for the week, and divide it in seven equal shares, giving every man his due; he was also to receive from the cook the boiled beef and potatoes for dinner. I was one of the seventh-men, and thus had something to do. I also assisted the cook and the steward in the cabin, and so lived sumptuously every day, dining on roast pigs and fowls with these two subordinates, while my fellows in the steerage were chewing junk beef and hard biscuits; thus time passed easy.

On the 16th of June, at 10 a. m., we came to anchor in the East River. New York made a very poor appearance in those days—all the stores were frame buildings, one only excepted, it belonged to Gov. . . . and Kimble, in Government buildings. The city contained sixty thousand inhabitants. Three steeples were all that could be seen from the water, viz: Trinity, Middle Dutch, (now the Post Office), and St. George's Chapel, in Beekman street. St. Paul's Steeple had just commenced building that summer. Most of the houses were frames, covered with shingles. The City Hotel, in Broadway, erected in 1770, was the first house covered with slates in America.

The first night I slept on shore was at No. 8 Dutch street, in a miserable garret covered with shingles. The night was hot, (17th of June), the garret was alive with flies, bugs, and mosquitoes—I could not sleep. . . . I knew not what I meant—such blinding lightning, such rattling of thunder; by every verse I felt that I was in the midst of a storm; the thunder rolled, the winds blew, and the rain beat on the roof. My head lay within eighteen inches of the shingles, and it was the first time I had heard rain fall on shingles. I knew not what I meant—such blinding lightning, such rattling of thunder; by every verse I felt that I was in the midst of a storm; the thunder rolled, the winds blew, and the rain beat on the roof. My head lay within eighteen inches of the shingles, and it was the first time I had heard rain fall on shingles. 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